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In re application of: GRAY, et al.

Appln. No.: 08/785,532

Filed: January 17, 1997

Group Art Unit: 1806  
For: GENES FROM THE 20q13 AMPLICON AND THEIR USES

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Enclosed is a petition to extend time to respond.  
☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.  
☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

If any extension of time is needed, then this response should be considered a petition therefor.

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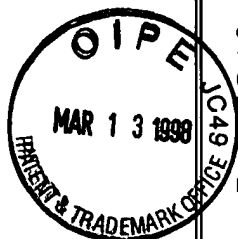
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Dear Sir:

The following is offered in response to the Office Action mailed September 9, 1997. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 26, as follows.

26. (Twice amended) A method of screening for neoplastic cells in a sample, the method comprising:

contacting a nucleic acid sample from a human patient with a probe which hybridizes [selectively] to a target polynucleotide sequence from 20q13.2 under stringent